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H. J. RES. 37

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States establishing
English as the official language of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 1997

Mr. DOOLITTLE introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United
States establishing English as the official language of
the United States.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-*
4 *lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-*
5 *stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all*
6 *intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when*
7 *ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several*
8 *States within seven years after the date of its submission*
9 *for ratification:*

1 “ARTICLE —

2 “SECTION 1. The English language shall be the offi-
3 cial language of the United States. As the official lan-
4 guage, the English language shall be used for all public
5 acts including every order, resolution, vote or election, and
6 for all records and judicial proceedings of the Government
7 of the United States and the governments of the several
8 States.

9 “SECTION 2. The Congress and the States shall en-
10 force this article by appropriate legislation.”.

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